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NOT BEST FOR ME.

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I soon shall rest--life's lengthened day
Is slowly drawing to a close.
There have been storms along the way;
And why? The answer comes, "God knows."
Here is my stay: His gentle hand
Had led me through some flowery lea,
In smooth, green paths, by waters still,
Had it been best for me.

I soon shall rest. These tired feet
Have stumbled all the journey through;
The falling shadows were so dense,
Hiding the uneven path from view.
I know he would have lifted all,
And bade the falling darkness flee,
Flooding my way with light instead,
Had it been best for me.

I soon shall rest; oft have I laid
My heavy load of pain and care
Down at the blessed Saviour's feet;
But, oh! I did not leave it there.
And yet I know His tender love
Had taken it and left me free--
So does He pity his poor child--
Had it been best for me.

Soon both shall rest, my heart and I,
So pierced with ills, so weary grown;
Together we have journeyed long,
Until the day has well nigh flown.
Poor heart! so wounded in its loves;
So unlike what it wished to be,
But then, it would have suffered less
Had it been best for me.

Charles Dudley Warner has a good-natured satirical article in Harper's Magazine for September respecting processions, etc., in which he says: "It was doubted at one time whether the freedman and the colored man generally was capable of the higher civilization. This doubt has all been removed. No other race takes more kindly to martial and civic display than it. No one has a greater passion for societies and uniforms and regalias and banners, and the pomp of marchings and processions, and peaceful war. . . . We cannot all have decorations, and cannot all wear uniforms, or even regalia, and some of us have little time for going about in military or civic processions; but we cannot express in words our gratitude to those who so cheerfully spend their time and money, and go tramping about in gorgeous uniform, in mud or dust, in rain, or under a broiling sun, in glittering apparel and in parades, for our entertainment."

It has been asserted that one-fifth of the voters of our country cannot write their own names.

The Pope has had a grand golden jubilee of several weeks, which was recently brought to a close by his direction by offering up prayers for the souls in purgatory, who are "awaiting their release." A picture entitled Purgatory, was presented to one of the churches on a recent Sunday, in which the central figure is the blessed Virgin; on one side of her is the Augustinian St. Nicholas, patron of the souls in purgatory. Besides these, there are several other figures. Under them all is the conventional representation of Purgatory--tongues of flame licking several nude figures, who are appealing to those above for deliverance!

It's a pity and a shame that the relatives and friends of these afflicted souls should let them remain in this state of suffering, all because they fail to open their purses with sufficient liberality to pay the priests, that they may be induced to say more masses and offer up more prayers for their release from these "flames." They should cry aloud and earnestly, like the priests of Baal, of Elijah's time, not only to Mary, but to all the reputed saints in the calendar, (though many of them, according to history, were very great rascals and libertines, including even popes,) besides a liberal use of the "needful," for the release of their suffering friends.

A somewhat unpolished mother of a charming daughter was heard to say: "I don't intend lettin' Emily go back to Madame Waring's school. They don't teach 'em right. Now I don't know so very much myself, but I never would tell my child that IX spells nine. It's absolutely ridiculous."

At a certain church, not in Haddonfield, immediately after the baptism of several persons, it was announced that the "ladies were preparing to give a lawn party"--a queer mixture--religion and fun. The baptised hadn't much time to think of the seriousness of the vows they had just taken. This is about like questioning candidates when they are about to be taken into the church, and may be supposed to be thinking of something more serious than money matters, if they are willing to contribute to the various expenses of the church. Yet clergymen and others speak of the declension of seriousness and earnestness in professors of religion.

Valuable information, that Bright's Disease, Gravel, Dropsy, or Liver Disease, can be cured by using Cam's Kidney Cure. 'Tis a miraculous medicine, and T. S. Young, Geo. D. Stuart and G. H. Tule, will speak of its merits.

A school boy strike took place at Pella, Iowa, because the school board refused to grant the usual spring vacation; but it was ordered off the next day by the "Executive Committee," composed of the mothers of the youngsters, who brought the matter to a speedy end by a free use of the strap.

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NOTICE.

With this number of the "Basket," we redeem our pledge, made at its commencement, to issue at least 25 Nos. It would have cost us not far short of \$100 at printers' regular rates; we have received about \$15! But then we do all the work personally, and therefore are not at much expense. There are some who have not yet paid, and some others that we don't expect to pay and don't wish them to pay. They may need all they obtain, for other purposes. But there are others, who, if they think the paper worth what we ask, it will be thankfully received. But where they do not want the paper, it should be refused at the P. O. We have had but four refusals, thus far, in this way, out of the 225 copies we now print and circulate every other week.

We draw a RED LINE BY THIS NOTICE to those who have not paid, and who may be disposed to do so. We leave it to their own discretion.

We have scarcely decided whether to go on or not, but if we do, we promise only six months, and all subscriptions must begin so as to end at that time, being 13 Nos. for 25 cts. For those who have not paid, 50 cts. will pay the past and coming 6 mos

We are informed that some individuals at the meeting to fix the amount of money to be raised for borough purposes were very anxious to have the rate increased. But when their own tax bills were presented, applied to the Board of Appeal to have the amount reduced!

Our taxes are heavy, especially the school tax, which is likely to increase, unless some changes are made.

We understand that the salaries of some of the oldest teachers have been very much reduced in order to give it to younger ones, some whom of stand closely related to some one or more of the trustees! Is this so?

We had a heavy frost in Haddonfield on Thursday of last week, being the first of the season of any consequence; and one of our neighbors avers that ice was formed at his place, quarter inch thick. Warmer since.

Our friends, Jos. Elfreth and wife, are away on quite an extensive tour for health and pleasure. We wish them a pleasant time and a safe "voyage" home.

We learn that Mrs. Coffin, widow of the late William Coffin, has become a resident of Haddonfield.

Mr. Edw. Henderson and family have removed from Haddonfield to Hackensack, N. J.

Rumors abound of weddings at a not very distant day.

The great Mount Holly fair was opened last Monday.

Communication.

The Jefferson Democratic Club of this borough intend to have a Torch Light Parade on Thursday evening, October the 18th. They expect to have some Clubs from Philadelphia, Camden, Mount Holly, Woodbury, Marlton, and other localities, and will turn out two or three thousand strong. It is hoped that our Republican friends will illuminate their houses on that evening, and thereby reciprocate the attention which was shown them by the Democrats recently.

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Dr. Stevenson is having his side walk altered and the pavement relaid, so as to conform to the latest grade--a grade that has had many vicissitudes, and frequently fixed to be unfixed, but perhaps it has come now to stay at least until a new set of commissioners are installed.

Benj. Fowler has been "improving" the side walk in front of his house. In order to do this, two nice trees had to be dug up and removed. We were sorry to see this, but better thus than butchering them by cutting off their heads, as is sometimes done.

At the Academy of Music, on Thursday evening of last week, in Philadelphia, Mr. Brooks, the Prohibition candidate for Vice-President, addressed a full house for about two hours. He spoke of Pres. Cleveland as having won the respect of his fellow citizens; and of Gen. Harrison as a Christian gentleman, and that he, and not Mr. Blaine, is the Republican candidate at the present time, and everybody knew that Gen. Fisk was all right.

"Rev." Dr. Crosby must be a funny man. He is one of the commissioners to revise the excise laws of New York, and at a recent meeting of the Board proposed that saloon keepers be allowed to sell beer on Sunday between 12 and 1 o'clock, when another member proposed to extend the privilege over the latter half of Sunday. Dr. Crosby opposed this on the ground that it would lead to the desecration of the Sabbath! O, consistency!

At the laying of a corner stone of a Roman Catholic Church last Sunday in Reading, Pa., a girder broke, and about 300 persons were precipitated into the basement, and most of them more or less injured, and 5 persons are said to be in a critical position; 23 legs, and 14 arms, and a number of ribs and jaws broken, and many others internally and otherwise injured.

We may not be able to see far into political economy, but it don't seem the right thing that we must pay 7 for 8 cents a pound for sugar when "good refined sugar can be had in Edinburg, Scotland, for 3 cents a pound," as we are informed; or that we must pay \$35 for a suit of clothing that costs in England but \$18, and equally as good; or an extra line overcoat for \$100 that would cost in this country \$200 to \$225, or about double for clothing.

The Haddon Century Club, 200 men, Capt. Peterson; the Republican Invincibles, 25 men, Capt. Geo. Purnell, and the Collingswood Republican Club, 50 men, took part in the Parade in Camden on Tuesday evening, the 2d of October. About 2000 said to have been in line.

The Democratic Parade that was to take place in Philadelphia last Saturday was postponed to next Saturday on account of the weather. For this reason, we understand, the Parade that was to take place in Haddonfield to-morrow night, is postponed to the 18th inst.

The Ohio M. E. Conference, recently, after trial, expelled "Rev." W. H. Wallace from the Conference and the church for making love to three young women all at the same time. Very naughty in "Brer" W.

The Camden District Convention of the N. J. Conference will meet in the Methodist Church in Haddonfield on the 23d and 24th inst. Addresses by different persons, and a sermon by Rev. W. P. C. Strickland.

We have received both Peter Henderson & Co.'s, (N. Y.) and J. T. Lovett & Co.'s, (Little Silver, N. J.) Catalogue for Autumn of choice Bulbs, Plants, Trees, etc., very tempting to pockets of lovers of such things.

Miss Anna Dickinson is talking up the Republican party, and Miss Willard is booming the Prohibitionists.